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SILES MAY MEDIATE IN CENTRAL AMERICA CRISIS

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[Text] La Paz, 28 Jun (EFE) -- Bolivian Foreign Minister Marcial Tamayo pointed out that President Hernan Siles Zuazo is willing to excert his personal influence in Central America in order to prevent a fratricidal war. The Bolivian minister made exclusive statements to the Catholic daily PRESENCIA in which he pointed out the possibility of La Paz hosting an international meeting of mediation to "seek peace for Central America."

Tamayo stated that the proposal was suggested by Socialist International, Christian Democrat International, and Liberal International, and supported by the presidents [as received] of Spain, France, and the FRG: Felipe Gonzalez, Francoise Mitterrand and Willy Brandt.

The Bolivian foreign minister stated that the decision will allegedly be made due "to Bolivia's international prestige attained through its peaceful transition from a dictatorship to democracy in October 1982."

SILES PROMISES CABINET RESHUFFLE WITHIN 2 WEEKS

PY302125 Madrid EFE in Spanish 1620 GMT 30 Jun 83

[Excerpt] La Paz, 30 Jun (EFE) -- According to an official communique released today, Bolivian President Hernan Siles Zuazo has told the government standing executive commission that he will reshuffle his cabinet within the next 2 weeks.

The ruling coalition comprised of the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement of the Left (MNRI), the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR), and the Bolivian Communist Party (PCB) has issued a communique stating that it is currently studying a political program which will set the course of the regime for the next few months. The communique also stated that the leaders of the political parties that make up the coalition have decided to set up a "joint" administration to avoid "parceling [parcelamiento] in the management of state affairs."

PLANNING MINISTER DISCUSSES NATIONAL ECONOMY

PY300212 La Paz Cadena Panamericana in Spanish 0000 GMT 30 Jun 83

[Text] President Hernan Siles Zuazo has decided to maintain the current exchange rate. This information was disclosed by Planning and Coordination Minister Arturo Nunez del Prado. He also said that the crisis affecting the country will only be overcome by everyone's efforts. He said:

[Begin Nunez del Prado recording] Look, you all know that the subjects of exchange rates and devaluations is very sensitive. All decisions related to devaluation are not only strictly economic decisions, they are measures which must harmonize with political economic decisions. As these measures are very sensitive in our country, the decision is generally left to the chief of state. It is the president who decides whether or not to devalue. [end recording]

The minister also said that the government economic policies have followed the basic guidelines established by the Democratic and Popular Unity, UDP. He also disclosed that a 4-year economic plan will be implemented next year.

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[Text] The democratic countries of Central America cannot continue to tolerate the belligerent stance taken by Nicaragua and Cuba. Should this situation continue, Panama might break off relations with those two governments, which are sponsoring nothing but instability, violence, and death in the area, Brig Gen Ruben Dario Paredes has said upon arriving in Costa Rica.

[Begin recording] [Unidentified reporter] General, what is Panama's (?stand) on the conflicts between Nicaragua and Costa Rica and between Nicaragua and Honduras?

[Paredes] We are a democratic country. We love freedom; we respect freedom. Some 95 percent of Panamanians are Catholic and believe in God. Anything that opposes that goes against Panama as well. If the threats against Costa Rica involve circumstances that run contrary to Panama's values, then they are also against Panama. Panama completely supports these people, who also love democracy. We will support them, as we always have. My final answer is that we disapprove of any aggression against Costa Rica. [end recording]

Shortly after arriving in Costa Rica, General Paredes held a news conference. Asked about the problems between Nicaragua and Costa Rica and about possible Nicaraguan aggression against Costa Rica, General Paredes said:

[Begin recording] [Paredes] In the event of a situation as you have just described, we would be on Costa Rica's side simply because we totally agree with the democratic system of this nation, of these fraternal people and -- why not say it -- also because the danger is moving closer to Panama. That is why we have said that our borders are not in Chiriqui Province. With all respect, we regard your borders with Nicaragua as ours. I would end my answer thus: Should it be necessary -- let us hope it is not -- the answer, logically, would be that yes, we would support Costa Rica in any way that might be necessary.

[Unidentified reporter] General Paredes, do you think that in the face of our countries' current situation, it is necessary to organize a bloc including Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, and even Guatemala, to isolate a country that is politically and ideologically affecting this democratic nation and that might also affect you in the future?

[Paredes] Messrs journalists, ladies, we feel that the situation in Central America is very serious, very dangerous. We must define ourselves. It is no longer the time to consider solutions that were never possible, or to consider failed negotiations. It might be premature to say this, but the answer is implicit in your question. It is possible that such a bloc might be organized if things go further than they have to date. In Panama's case, it is possible that unless this stops, that unless the countries that export violence, revolution, blood, and drama among the Central American families stop, we might feel that these governments -- not the peoples, but the governments -- do not deserve to maintain relations with governments like that in Panama. As a Panamanian, as a mere citizen, I would feel -- and I say this publicly today -- that if the Nicaraguan and other governments -- Cuba for instance -- do not moderate their stand in the area, we will have to talk seriously. If they do not respond, Panama would have to break diplomatic relations with these countries.

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PY072115 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1912 GMT 7 Jul 83

[Text] Buenos Aires, 5 Jul [as received] (NA) -- Today Brazilian President Joao Figueiredo has informed General Reynaldo Bignone that Brazil "will not serve as a logistic base for British planes that supply the Malvinas" and will only allow them to land "under unforeseen emergency situations and for unpostponable humanitarian reasons."

During a telephone conversation with President Bignone, Figueiredo stated that "Brazil continues to support the Argentine claims over the Malvinas."

This announcement was made by Government House through the following communique:

President Joao Figueiredo and President Reynaldo Bignone held a telephone conversation today.

President Bignone voiced concern over President Figueiredo's health and wished him the best of luck during the medical tests he will undergo in Cleveland.

The two presidents exchanged opinions over issues of interest to the two countries. President Figueiredo, after thanking his Argentine colleague for his concern and good wishes, referred to the subject of the landing of British military planes bound for the Malvinas in Brazil. He said that Brazil will not serve as a logistic base for British planes which supply the Malvinas Islands and that it will only allow them to land under unforeseen emergency situations or for unpostponable humanitarian reasons.

He pointed out that this was his government's position and that it will not change.

President Figueiredo stated that the Brazilian Government will be strict when granting authorization for emergency landings and that it will adopt the necessary measures for its decision to be respected.

The Brazilian president ended by reiterating Brazil's support for Argentina's claim over the Malvinas as he has repeatedly stated at all international forums.

The two presidents agreed that the relationship between Brazil and Argentina is excellent and that the two governments will continue to work to strengthen them.

EEC WANTS 'SATISFACTORY' EXPLANATION ON MISSING

PY061148 Buenos Aires LA PRESNA in Spanish 3 Jul 83 p 4

[Excerpt] The 10 EEC countries have reiterated to the government their request for a "satisfactory explanation" on the status of the EEC citizens missing in Argentina.

The reiteration was made by FRG Ambassador Paul Verbeck, who has met at the Foreign Ministry with Minister Eduardo Perez Thomas, head of the Western European desk.

Verbeck visited San Martin Palace not only in his role as German ambassador but also on behalf of the EEC foreign ministers. The EEC is currently presided over by the FRG.

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[Text] Panama City, 14 Jul (AFP) -- It was officially explained here today that the "particularly difficult" circumstances surrounding Central America has led to the convoking of a Contadora Group meeting of president's next Sunday in Cancun, Mexico.

An official communique issued here at noon today by the Colombian, venezuelan, Mexican, and Panamanian foreign ministers claims that "the meeting of the four chiefs of state will be held at a particularly difficult moment for the area. It is clear proof of their desired goal." The communique stresses that the Contadora Group will keep on struggling "through joint action for the benefits of a stable and lasting peace for the brother nations of Central America."

The four Contadora Group foreign ministers were still meeting at noon here today, preparing the agenda for the presidential meeting in Cancun. It was said that they are discussing a document drafted by the group's technical commission -- made up of the area's deputy foreign ministers -- in order to advance toward concrete solutions to the Central American crisis.

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR CANCUN SUMMIT REPORTED

PA150109 Hamburg DPA in Spanish 0029 GMT 15 Jul 83

[Excerpts] [No dateline as received] Foreign Ministers Juan Jose Amado (Panama), Bernardo Sepulveda (Mexico), Rodrigo Lloreda (Colombia), and Jose Alberto Zambrano (Venezuela) will make a final review of tomorrow's agenda and will leave for Cancun, where they will serve as an executive secretariat to the four presidents.

It was reported today that the points of the Contadora Group's agenda that it will submit to the presidents for their analysis and approval in Cancun are:

1. Gradual Disarmament of the Central American countries;

2. Withdrawal of foreign advisers from all countries;

3. A cease-fire by the guerrilla groups throughout Central America;

4. A cease-fire by all government forces throughout the area;

5. Guarantees that the peoples will achieve their self-determination through the exercise of ideological pluralism;

6. A request to the great powers to cease all military aid to the Central America countries; and

7. Urgent aid to Central America by industrialized countries to make investments in development programs.

At the present meeting, the Contadora Group's foreign ministers are analyzing a large number of documents, which they are summarizing in order to submit something concrete on Saturday to the presidents of Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, and Panama who will be meeting in Cancun.

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